Coastal Zone Management Authority in A.P.

212. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Coastal Zone Management Authority has been established under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what functions have been assigned to this Authority and what have been its achievements so far, in the coastal areas of the State; and

(d) if the answer to part(a) above be in the negative, the reasons for establishing such an Authority in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Central Government has constituted the Andhra Pradesh State Coastal Zone Management Authority (APSCZMA) under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Notification S.O. 993(E) dated 26th November, 1998 to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 in Andhra Pradesh. The authority was reconstituted vide Notification S.O. 27(E) on 4th January, 2002. The main functions of the Authority *inter-alia* include; (i) examination of proposals for changes or modifications in CRZ classification, (ii) inquiring into and/or reviewing of cases of alleged violations of the provisions of the Notifications, and (iii) filing complaints in cases of non-compliance of the directions issued by it. The Authority has held periodic meetings to discharge the responsibilities assigned to it.

(d) Does not arise.

National Food Processing Policy

213. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to formulate a new national food processing policy, to increase the level of processing from the present two per cent to ten per cent, by the end of the decade;